

13 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Soviet Use of U.S. Contacts in Propaganda

1. Herewith is an interim report on your request to ascertain for Andy Marshall whether the USSR uses its contacts with U.S. citizens for specific propaganda purposes.

2. [REDACTED] says his organization does not attempt to correlate reports from different sources to determine the extent to which the USSR uses its various U.S. contacts to pursue a particular propaganda line, because, in his words, [REDACTED] is not an analysis organization, "it is a collector. He says that if a U.S. citizen reports evidence that Soviet contacts are trying to push a point of view or a propaganda line, then such information would be put into the report [REDACTED] writes and would be available to the recipients of the reports.

3. [REDACTED] of the NSC Staff is on leave and will be until 24 July so I was unable to ascertain from him just what he has in mind. I suspect, however, that what he really is after is to see whether there is inconsistency between Soviet propaganda to U.S. citizens in private contacts and the line being put out through official channels such as in the summit talks, diplomatic contacts, SALT, etc. [REDACTED] is an ex-CIAer, a long-time Soviet foreign affairs analyst and he is thoroughly knowledgeable about the workings of the intelligence community and its products. He accompanied the President to Moscow and I can believe he wants to see whether the thaw in the official Soviet attitude toward the U.S. is being matched by a similar attitude in unofficial contacts. I suggest that Andy confirm this on [REDACTED] return from leave. If it is the case, [REDACTED] should make a direct query to Ed Proctor for an analysis of all recent reporting on unofficial Soviet/U.S. contacts.

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